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Division of Workforce System Support
Employment and Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
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Washington, DC 20210

ATTN: Kimberly Vitelli

Dear Ms. Vitelli:

The US Virgin Islands' Strategic State Plan for Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the Wagner-Peyser Act will expire on June 30, 2011. In accordance with TEGL 17-10, the US Virgin Islands is requesting that the US Department of Labor extend the life of the existing US Virgin Islands WIA/Wagner Peyser Act Strategic State Plan into PY 2011 (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012).

The US Virgin Islands is also requesting an extension of its PY 2010 performance levels (common measures) for PY 2011.

Finally, the US Virgin Islands is requesting an extension of its existing waivers for PY 2011. These waivers include:

- Waiver of WIA Section 133(b)(4) to increase the allowable transfer amount between Adult and Dislocated Worker funding streams from the statutory 20% to 40%.
- Waiver of the required 50% employer contribution for customized training at WIA Section 101(8)(C) to permit the use of a sliding scale based on the size of the business.
- Waiver of WIA Section 101(31)(B) to increase the employer reimbursement for on-the-job training through a sliding scale based on the size of the business.

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- Waiver of WIA Section 134(a)(1)(A) to permit a portion of the funds (up to 20%) reserved for rapid response activities to be used for incumbent worker training, as part of a layoff aversion strategy.
- Waiver of WIA Section 134(a) to permit local areas to use a portion of local funds (up to 20% of dislocated worker funds) for incumbent worker training as part of a layoff aversion strategy.
- Waiver of 20 CFR 666 and 667.300(a) to reduce the collection of participant data for incumbent workers.
- Waiver of the prohibition at 20 CFR 664.510 on the use of Individual Training Accounts for older and out-of-school youth.
- Waiver to permit the State to replace the performance measures at WIA Section 136(b) with the common measures.

The contact information as noted on the *Program Administration Designees and Plan Signatures Form* remains as currently recorded. Please feel free to contact the undersigned if additional information is required.

Sincerely,



Albert Bryan, Jr.
Commissioner

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Administrator – Region I